distribution was singed between the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal for the establishment of Damodar Valley Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider the agreement ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No agreement for distribution of power was signed between the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal for the establishment of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC). The DVC was established under the Damodar Valley Corporation Act (xiv) of 1948.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Madras Cargo Complex

5368. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cargo complex at Madras has been holding uncleared goods of many companies resulting in shortage of space;

(b) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government to clear the cargo complex for easy hauling of cargo;

(c) whether the Government propose to build an additional cargo complex there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir .

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The IAAI has plans to progressively expand the present Cargo Terminal. The first additional module consisting of approx. 5,000 sq. mts. of covered area is planned to be built during the 8th Plan period.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Railway Lines in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

5369. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ashok Mehta Committee identified existence of metre gauge railway lines in eastern Uttar Pradesh as one of the causes of backwardness in that region;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to convert the metre gauge railway line from Varanasi to Chhapra and Balia Mau and from Sitapur to Budbaj Shahganj into broad gauge; and

(c) if so, by what time and it not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Work on conversion of Chhapra-Aunrihar section is targetted for completion by 1993-94. Survey Report for conversion of Sitapur-Burhwal has been received. The work will be considered based on the result of the survey and availability of resources. A proposal for the conversion of Mau-Shahganj section was sent to the Planning Commission for their approval, who have not approved the same.

Kollwar Railway Bridge

5370. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Koilwar railway bridge over the river Sone has become too old;

(b) when the said bridge was constructed and the life span thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to get it renovated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The bridge was constructed between 1910 and 1920 with an expected life span of hundred years.

(c) The bridge is in sound condition. The question of its renovation does not arise.

[*English*]

Reopening of Level Crossing at Panch-Gram Station (NFR)

5371. SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a railway level crossing on north side of Panchgram station under N.F. Railway;

(b) whether this level crossing has been closed by the Railway in 1989 causing sufferings to thousands of inhabitants residing on the other side;

(c) whether the Government propose to reopen the level crossing in the interest of public; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The level crossing was closed after providing a new level crossing near-by in lieu thereof, at the instance of local authorities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Railways can consider reopening of the level crossing only after a proposal therefor is sponsored by the State Government/local authority duly consenting to bear the cost thereof as per rules.

Augmentation of Kathkhal-Bairabi Railway Line

5372. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to augment the railway line from Katakhal Junction (Assam) to Bairabi (Mizoram) and to upgrade the condition of trains running on it to provide better and efficient train service on this section; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The line is adequate to meet the needs of the present level of traffic.